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Welcome missionaries, shepherds, shepherdesses, brothers, and sisters to Founders Day. A famous Christian scholar said, "History is the second Bible." This means that God Almighty not only rules over all redemptive history, but also over all secular history. We would like to hear about the UBF pioneering history of Latin America through those whom God used. They are the first eyewitnesses who participated in the pioneering work of Latin America (Lk 1:2). Through them, I pray that we may have vision for Latin America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

In Christ,
DR. JOHN JUN

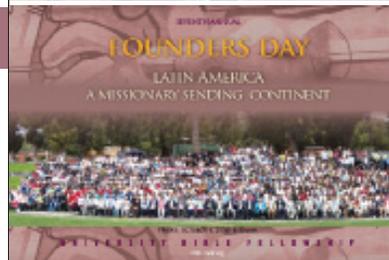
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THE HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA PIONEERING (1976-2009)



LATIN AMERICA, MISSIONARY SENDING COUNTRIES

It is a great privilege for this unworthy servant to deliver the History of UBF in the pioneering of Latin America. My key verses are Matthew 28:19, 20. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Latin America has a long history of Catholicism. It has gradually been evangelized through many missionaries from other countries, primarily from North America, who preached the gospel. The gospel was preached especially through churches that focus on the Holy Spirit. As a result, the number of Christians has rapidly increased. But since most people did not study the Bible, they rarely grew as spiritual leaders. Due to this spiritual ignorance, many cults prevailed and deceived people. Consequently a bad image of Protestants and distrust of Christianity grew. In this situation, our UBF Bible teaching ministry to Latin American College students has been a most meaningful one and a historical turning point.

FIRST, PIONEERING MEXICO (DEEP BIBLE STUDY, A GIVING SPIRIT AND A MANGER SPIRIT)

In Korea, Mother Barry did not stay in the luxurious American mission compound but shared common life with poor Korean students. Dr. Samuel Lee also loved and practiced Jesus’ manger spirit and giving spirit. With a similar sacrificial spirit and devotion to ministry, M. Joseph Ahn’s family lived separately for 9 years, while he served the Latin America pioneering ministry.

The pioneering history of Latin America began in 1976 when Msn. Jose

Ahn arrived in Guatemala as a Korean diplomat. Then, in 1982, he pioneered Mexico. At that time, I left our two young sons in Korea for two years in order to cwork with Msn. Jose Ahn. In 1985, Msn. Jose Ahn returned to Korea, and M. Timothy Rhee and I succeeded his pioneering ministry in Mexico. Despite her poor Spanish, M. Sarah Hwang began to fish diligently. “Hola! Would you like to study the Bible?” In spite of her busy life raising two sons, she kept fishing and teaching the Bible diligently.

Msn. Joseph Ahn offered God a large sum of money when he left us. But we



sent all of his offering to the Chicago H.Q.s, and decided to be independent. We experienced many hardships and failures while struggling to be independent. Finally, we started a business with a portable vendor stand, moving from town to town where festivals were held. We set up on the street a tent for selling and also for sleeping. Sometimes rain water flooded the floor while we slept on wooden boards. During thunder storms, fearing that our tent would be blown away, my wife held on tightly to the metal stakes and cried out to God. As a traveling vendor, once the festival was over, I had to disassemble the tent and drive to another location in the middle of the night. The most difficult thing was to not fall asleep while driving to look out for street bandits and assailants.

We knew the value of teaching our children a manger spirit and sincerely prayed to plant it in their hearts. We sent our first son to a public school until second grade, hoping he might see poverty and grow as a shepherd for poor Mexican students. But almost daily he came home in tears because his lunch was taken by his poor, starving classmates. We trained our children to live a simple life. While my wife devoted herself to God's work, she could not care for our sons as much as she wanted to. In spite of this, God had mercy on them, and blessed them to establish house churches by faith and to be used as 2nd generation missionaries. Our 2nd son Yohan once vowed that he would never marry in UBF. But 2 months ago, he established a beautiful and happy family in Kyung Sung UBF.

We struggled to keep a manger spirit and saved money to the maximum degree. To do so, we always chose the cheapest conference site. At one confer-

ence place, we had to move to a different dormitory in the middle of the night because of a rain leak. On the way to the conference, Msn. Timothy Rhee's 15 year-old Volkswagen often broke down while driving with his four passengers. On another occasion, P. Blas' 20 year-old van engine burst on the way back from the conference.

We also taught our sheep to prepare sacrificial Christmas offerings each year to serve world mission. In 1984, we had a faithful sheep named Octavio. I told him that God would use him greatly and bless him abundantly if he offered both his heart and his pocketbook. Then he got scared and ran away. He did not even open the door when I visited his



home. For quite a while after this, I was rebuked by my wife for causing her sheep to fall away. However, our sheep gradually learned a sacrificial giving spirit. Nowadays, most leaders prepare ahead of time for the Christmas offering. Someone offered all of his scholarship money, and another, his entire December salary. Sh. Sergio offered \$2,000 although he lived in a rented apartment. In this way, God has blessed abundantly, and last

year we had a total Christmas offering of \$14,000. For the last 25 years we have offered our entire Christmas offering to the Chicago H.Q.s without fail. When we kept our manger spirit and giving spirit, God blessed me and Msn. Timothy Rhee so abundantly that we could purchase large centers. God blessed Msn. Timothy to become a rich man. He has a large sock factory with 140 employees and a huge store. He is also building a retreat center big enough to hold the regional conferences in the future.

I used to do all the menial labor myself. Through this, our sheep came to trust us and our UBF ministry. One day, six years later, to our amazement, Sh. Isidro showed up and began to work even more

sacrificially than I did. God blessed him to marry Msn. Edith, the best woman of God in Mexico, who embraced him in spite of his poor education. God also blessed him to graduate from a private college and get a good job. Because of his good influence, all Mexican natives have be-

come stewards, voluntarily serving in every way. Thus, Mexico UBF does not have a full time shepherd, but everything is done 100 % by lay shepherds.

Just as God helped weak Isaac, God has helped me through various people in various ways. In 1984, when Dr. Lee saw me at the Niagara Summer Bible Conference for the first time, I looked like a withered tree, weighing less than 110



lbs. He bought 40 lbs. of beef for me to take home with the prayer that I would gain 20 lbs. It was almost impossible for me to make it through the airport custom's inspection with this cargo. But to our amazement, I passed without any problem. Because of Dr. Lee's prayers, I gained not 20 but 40 lbs and became a handsome man.

I was a very fearful man, but I did not know why. Perhaps, it was because my mother slapped me in the face as a baby for biting her nipple while breast feeding. Perhaps because of this, I began to suffer from a fear of people. But Dr. Lee twice chose such a fearful man like me to be a messenger at the international conference. As a result, I overcame fear and became a bold and courageous servant of God's word. We praise God!

In 1994, we purchased an apartment using the name of a Mexican shepherd. When we tried to sell it for a larger center, he refused to sign off his name and demanded money. During all this, I was cheated by the Mexican lawyers and was put in jail. Dr. Lee immediately sent P. Mark Vucekovich and S. Liz Hembekides, to solve the problem. Though I lost \$100,000, I complained neither to men nor to God. Instead, I was full of thanksgiving and repentance. This became a turning point for the spiritual revival of our ministry as well as for material blessings. God also sent 5 wonderful co-workers. In 1996, as soon as beautiful and kind missionary Esther Hong came, she served our worship service by playing the piano. Three months later,

despite her language barrier, she began to visit campus at 8 p.m, immediately after work. In this way, she raised one disciple every year.

I was fearful since childhood and there was nothing I could do confidently, since my mother did everything for me. As I entrusted everything to my sacrificial wife, Sarah Hwang, I gradually began to realize that the only thing I could do well was study God's word and pray. When I concentrated on deeply digging out the word of God each week, the word of God touched my heart and I could experience God's grace. Through this, I could overcome my inferiority complex and bear fruit. Now, CU Center has raised 14 missionaries, including my two sons. We also pioneered 3 chapters and 2 countries through native shepherds. We now have 130 Sunday service attendants, and have established 20 house churches. We praise God!

SECOND, PIONEERING MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA

In Mexico, 30 missionaries are currently pioneering 13 chapters. In 1992, Msn. Timothy Rhee and 7 natives went out to pioneer Guadalajara. They now have 60 Sunday Service attendants. In 1993, Sh. Blas and his sheep went out to Acatlan. Sh. Blas currently has 20 Sunday Service attendants, and sent out Serafin's family to Morelia. In 1984, the pioneering of Argentina began. In 1988, Msn. Josue and Ana Ham went to Guatemala and Msn. Esteban Cho to Bolivia. In 1991, Msn. John Lee went to Paraguay and Msn. Elijah Park to Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 1994, Msn. Pablo Star Oh went to Venezuela.

The Venezuelan ministry is a most active and fruitful ministry under the leadership of Msn. Juan and Ana Seo, the successors to Pablo Oh. Msn. Juan Seo is a passionate man of prayer and God's word. Although there is only one missionary family, his ministry is growing

faster than any ministry because of his sacrificial life for native sheep. Socrates, the father of one shepherd is pioneering another area of Caracas and has 40 Sunday attendants in spite of his old age. There are altogether 120 Sunday worshipers in Venezuela.

In the year 2000, Msn. Susanna Baek went to Panama and In 2001, Msn. Lucas Cho from Argentina to Colombia.

Up until the year 2001, only 9 countries in Latin America had been pioneered. The Latin American missionaries expected Korea UBF to send missionaries to pioneer the remaining countries. But nobody came. In 2002, Mother Barry attended the Easter Conference in Mexico together with the Latin America national directors. She gave us an unexpected direction: to pioneer 33 countries of Latin America within 5 years, by the year 2007. Wow! We felt so good hearing this. But we laughed like Sarah laughed when she heard she would bear a child in her old age. However, we felt that these were not just human words, but that the Holy Spirit was working in each person with power and vision. First, Msn. Timothy Rhee wrote an unusual testimony, declaring that he would pioneer 5 countries. After that, all the missionaries decided to pray and obey this direction.

After this prayer, Msn. Pablo Park went to Costa Rica from Kyung Sung UBF in April 2002. In August 2002, Msn. David and Elizabeth Kang went from Paraguay to Honduras. In December of



2002, Sh. Efrain Atanacio gave up a good job and went out to Lima, Peru to pioneer the biggest country before someone else did. In 2003, Msn. Josue Jeon went from Mexico to Chile, in 2004, Msn. Jose Park from Argentina to Uruguay and in 2005, Msn. Andres & Ana Kim from Brazil to Ecuador. In 2006, when Msn. Isaiah & Maria Kang decided to go out from Puebla, Mexico to the Dominican Republic, Msn. Timothy Rhee discouraged them, explaining that Sh. Antonio in Guadalajara had already visited that country and planned to pioneer it. Since then, a spirit of competition has been ignited.

In February 2006, M. Isidro and Edith, ancestors of faith in Mexico gave up their jobs thinking, "It may be too late if we wait any longer" and the following day, moved to El Salvador. In 2006, Msn. Juan Kim went out from Guatemala to Nicaragua and Msn. Jorge Antonio from Guadalajara went to the Dominican Republic and Sh. Gonzalo and Leticia, ancestors of faith in Guadalajara, went to Puerto Rico. In 2007, Msn. Isaiah & Maria Kang from Mexico went to Cuba and Msn. Moses Chang from Washington to Belize. In 2008, Peter Jun from Kwangju UBF was sent to Trinidad & Tobago. In this way, we have pioneered

all the countries of Latin America that have a population of 1 million, with the exception of Haiti and Jamaica.

THIRD, LATIN AMERICA WILL BE MISSIONARY SENDING COUNTRIES

We have struggled hard to obey Jesus'



world mission command. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." God blessed our ministry to send out 19 native missionaries: 14 from CU, 4 from Guadalajara and 1 from Venezuela. Among them, 9 missionaries were sent out to countries poorer than Mexico. Gustavo and Amalia were sent out to the USA as missionaries. They raised two pioneering

missionaries, Efrain in Peru and Gonzalo in Puerto Rico, when they served Mexico ministry. They are now fruitfully serving Northeastern Campus in Chicago. Now we see God's hope and vision that all Latin American countries will send out numerous missionaries all over the world until they become missionary sending nations.

In conclusion, even though I did not talk about it much in this report, God's pioneering work in Latin America took root because of Msn. Jose Ahn's willing widower's tears as a Korean diplomat. There are now over 100 missionaries working in 22 Latin American countries. God has raised numerous Bible teachers among native shepherds. For example, following the good example of Msn. Edith, Ailed is presently carrying out 20 one to one Bible studies every week. Currently, there are many potential Bible teachers growing in Mexico and Venezuela and in several other countries. We have great vision that spiritual descendants will grow and raise other numerous Bible teachers to pioneer all 33 countries of Latin America. We pray and believe that all Latin American nations will be priestly nations to preach the gospel to

all the nations of the world. For this, may we continue Dr. Lee's spiritual legacy. Especially, may we dig out the word of God deeply, have a giving spirit instead of a receiving spirit, and keep a manger spirit to overcome hardships in any situation.



TESTIMONY

By Don Kuper, Argentina



A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 2:3

The first memory I have of meeting Dr. Lee was at a summer Bible conference at Brock University in 1980. I was hurrying to a meeting with my best suit on and as I rounded a corner there was Dr. Lee. He looked me up and down and said, “Looks good (a pause) outwardly!” His words pierced my heart and I never forgot them.

It was 1981 and I was part of the American journey team going to Korea with Dr. Lee. Throughout our journey, Dr. Lee was constantly reading and marking his Bible. We shared our life testimonies using paper cones to hear each other, and Dr. Lee gave each of us one word of God according to our spiritual condition. He said that my problem was fear due to my lack of discipline. He gave me 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” I came back as a different person bolder and more confident in God’s grace.

In 1985, in his marriage address he said that I spoke like a president but I had no real discipline having grown up as a spoiled youngest

son. So he blessed our marriage with 2 Timothy 2:3, “Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” I didn’t realize it then but I was marrying a good soldier of Christ, Msn. Hannah Lee. We were and are a good soldier of Christ family for God’s world mission purpose.

After we came to Toledo, we formed the Good Soldiers Fellowship. God blessed me to raise several sheep and one good soldier of Christ, Jeff Lewis. We went out to Paraguay in 1998 as an English teacher(?) In Paraguay, we again formed another Good Soldiers Fellowship. After one year in Paraguay, my teaching contract was over. I wanted to return to the USA and perhaps live in Chicago. But when I called his servant, Dr. Lee, to ask permission to come to

Chicago, he severely encouraged me to stay in the mission field. He told me not to bury my talents in the ground but use my talents by being an American UBF missionary. He said that my main talent was my native English speaking skills. Then he hung up the phone. The battle began.

Neither of us was ready to be a permanent missionary but we prayed for 100 days and sent our resumes to more than 60 schools in Latin America. I held on to Revelation 3:8: “See I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut...” But there was no open door because we were not certified teachers and it was already too late for hiring. However, one small Christian school invited me to be a business manager and Msn.

Hannah a teacher but without any salary at first, providing us with only housing and free tuition for our children. We knew it was going to be hard but we rejoiced in the open door that God provided. Msn. Hannah is still teaching at the same school; in fact, she has become a source of blessing by bringing many Korean children to her school.





July of 2004, we could purchase our current spacious UBF center with the support of Chicago, Toledo, and Korea UBF and some others.

Our three families co-worked together for nearly four years to establish a new Buenos Aires UBF. There were several fruits of this co-working. First, we made an environment for our 2nd Gens to grow spiritually and humanly. They wrote and shared testimonies faithfully each week, participated in orchestra

Gradually, I became a free lance ESL instructor. Now, I pray that God may open a door for me to be a high school teacher in an international school.

By faith, we moved to Argentina in July of 2000 and began a worship service in our small apartment. At first, we were planning to join the existing UBF but Dr. Lee encouraged us to pioneer as an American missionary family. Then during 2001, when there was a division in UBF, two missionary families, the family of Msn. Isaac Cho and Msn. Jose Park, decided to join us and we had worship service in our two bedroom apartment. Suddenly, our lonely worship service with only our two sons became packed with people: three missionary families and seven second Gens. Within a few months, following Dr. Lee's direction, we moved our center to downtown Buenos Aires near the main campus. Then in

and served in both Spanish and English worship services and conference preparations. Through all of this, they grew as international scale 2nd Gens and our coworkers for world mission. Our sons, Paul and John, studied well in school. Paul graduated and went on to the U of C. John recently graduated and will be attending the medical college of University of Buenos Aires (UBA). Another fruit was that our chapter was used for world mission. Being located in such a big city as Buenos Aires, many 2nd Gens from different parts of the world came to learn Spanish. While they were here, they received spiritual training in Daily Bread, prayer, and testimony writing. Among them were Sarah Park (Han Yang), Peter Gye (Harvard), Agnes Sohn, Albert Sohn, Danny Yang, Kristin Weed (Chicago), Albert Hong, S. Jeremy Holloway, and most recently Diona Woods (Toledo). While Agnes Sohn was attending Spanish class, she invited a girl named Heather Ashburn to our church. Heather was very thirsty for God's word. Through Ephesians Bible study, God opened her heart and eyes to see herself as God's beautiful workmanship and she became a new creation in Christ Jesus. She is now a faithful coworker in Minnesota UBF under the leadership of Dr. Abraham T. Kim.

Still another fruit is that God made us a missionary sending chapter. After co-

working for four years, Msn. Jose Park's family went out to pioneer Uruguay with their daughters. Then in 2006 Msn. Isaac and Mary Cho pioneered La Plata, Argentina along with their children. In 2005 God sent Msn. Marcos and Ruth Kim to cwork with our family in Buenos Aires. There are now growing among us a rem-



nant of brothers and sisters: Leandro, Diana, Aslith, Dorka, Claudia, Javier, Yanelly, Hugo and Carla. Praise God for his mighty work of world mission!

When I look back over the last ten years of missionary life, I only wanted to live an ordinary life as a civilian. But God called me to be a front-line missionary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, participating in the sufferings of Jesus as a good soldier of Christ. I thank God for the love and prayers of Dr. Samuel Lee for our family. I am really in Argentina because of his faith and world mission vision. Please pray for me to live as a good soldier of Christ, denying myself and taking up the cross of mission daily. May many good soldiers of Christ be raised up and sent out from Argentina! God make Argentina a kingdom of priests and a holy nation!

One Word: Be a good soldier of Christ Jesus for Argentina!



TESTIMONY

By Edith Puente, El Salvador



FROM A MISERABLE WOMAN TO A MOTHER OF PRAYER FOR LATIN AMERICA

Romans 1:5, "Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."

1. A MISERABLE LIFE

I was born in beautiful Mexico as the first of six children. At age 3, my dad abandoned our family. My mom could not support us, so she sent my two brothers to my grandmother and me to a childless couple. I thought they were my parents. My foster father loved me, so my foster mother got jealous of me. When he was not home, she mistreated me. She hit me, locked me in a closet, did not feed me, and burned me with a hot rag.

At age 6, my mom married again and my brothers and I came back to live with her. My stepfather drank a lot and tried to abuse me sexually. Later, my mom brought another man home. At first, this second stepfather seemed kind. But later, he beat my mother, hurt my brothers, and sexually harassed me. Since my mom treated him like a god she ignored our pleas. Out of anger and hatred, I wanted to kill him and end my life. I thought about suicide several times. I suffered from nightmares – haunting memories of tortures. I used to wake up in the night, crying.

In high school, my friends suggested that alcohol would sooth my sorrows. I started drinking, smoked and indulged in parties. With my friends, I robbed buses, and stole beer, wine and potato chips for

parties. After one girl was caught and put in jail, I stopped those activities.

I sought refuge in the arms of many boyfriends. I fell in love with one and was so obsessed with him that I had poor grades and severe headaches. When I saw him romantically enjoying another girl, I broke up with him. To fill the void, I embraced political ideologies, which only added more confusion. In desperation, I cried out to God bitterly, "If you exist, please help me out of this hell." Then I forgot my petition, but God remembered it.

2. JESUS, MY LIVING WATER, MOLDED ME AS A SHEPHERDESS

One day on campus, I was looking for a friend to buy drugs. I wanted to try drugs to forget all my pains. A smiling woman approached me. She was Sarah Hwang, a Korean missionary to Mexico. She asked me to study the Bible. I wanted to send her away, but somehow I followed her to the center to study the Bible with her.

The more I studied the Bible with her, the more I

was interested in God and His love for me. First, I studied Genesis and then John's gospel. I identified myself with the Samaritan woman. John 4:14 came into my heart, "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." I accepted Jesus as my source of living water. I kept his promise that in him I would never be thirsty again. Jesus became my true love. Jesus made me the happiest woman in the world. Like the



Samaritan woman I ran to the campus saying, "Come see the Christ who told me everything I ever did." Many students came and were born again.

Then persecution started. My mother became furious saying, "You have lost your mind. I will take you to a psychiatrist and lock you up." Still, I shared God's grace with her. Then she kicked me out of the house. I got a temporary job and thought, "I'll just sleep in the bus terminal." When Msn. Abraham Hwang learned this, he asked me to live in the UBF center and prayed for me to grow as a spiritual leader. I was happy with his love and care.

In 1998, God's word pounded me to take up my cross. I did not want to invite others to Bible study from fear of rejections. One day I pleaded, "Lord, why is your cross so heavy?" I found the answer in Matthew 11:30, "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Jesus took all the insults for me on the cross. My cross

who went to Bolivia.

God blessed me to marry Msn. Isidro by faith and granted us a son, Isaac. But I was always busy with my sheep and neglected my husband and son's needs. Sometimes I gave my sheep Msn. Isidro's food. When he came home, he was upset and made me cry. I didn't know what to do. Msn. Abraham and Sarah Hwang counseled me to serve my son and husband like my sheep. When I did, my husband forgave me. God has made our family stronger than ever.

3. MISSIONARY LIFE IN EL SALVADOR

Mother Barry gave us a prayer topic to pioneer all Latin America. Msn. Abraham encouraged many to go out as missionaries. Personally, he gave our family direction to stay and serve. But in 2006, my husband told me that he would go to El Salvador as a missionary. After four days, he packed and left for El Salvador.

When he arrived at the San Salvador

the job posting. When Msn. Isidro went to inquire about the job and shared this story with the employer, the employer acknowledged God's hands and gave him the job.

Through the job, God opened the door for my family to get a permanent visa. Soon I came with our son Isaac. El Salvador is full of insecurity. Two days after I arrived I saw a man shot in front of me. Later, there was a conflict at the university between students and the police. I was walking with our son and was terrified. My husband and I prayed and overcame fear holding on to Phi. 1:21, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." I invited many students and studied the Bible with them. Some came and left. But some remained. God granted us 20 attendants to our first Christmas worship service.

In 2007, Msn. Pablo Oh came as a Korean ambassador with his wife Paula, and they joined our ministry as a source of great encouragement and support. God also helped us to have a conference with three sheep on a beautiful mountain. With the help of many coworkers we bought a new Bible house, just 50 meters away from the university main entrance. In 2008, God brought 3 of our sheep to the national conference in Mexico. In 2009, five sheep attended our conference paying the fee on their own. We thank God for his love and grace on our ministry in El Salvador. We pray to have 15 1:1 Bible studies each week. May God raise many young Salvadorians to be men and women of faith.

In summary, my life was nothing but misery itself. Being abused, I was looking for love in this world, not knowing why and how. In his grace Jesus saved me and molded me to be a shepherdless for Mexican students. Now I am a missionary by the grace of God. May God use me for His glory and make me a mother of prayer for El Salvador and for all Latin America.



was nothing in comparison. I overcame fear and went fishing diligently. God sent many sheep. I gave my heart to feeding them. I always thought about them, "What word does this sheep need? How can I captivate this sheep with the word?" I prayed for them and loved them with a shepherd heart. Some grew as shepherds and some even as missionaries, such as Eugenia who went to Peru and Corina

airport, policemen interrogated him suspecting that he had brought counterfeit money. Eventually, they allowed him to stay for ten days. On that day he went to the university and prayed. In the engineering department, he saw a job posted for a civil engineer, "just what he needed!", so he wrote down the number. Just then, a professor came and placed his class grades right on top of

MISSION REPORT

By Dr. Esteban Cho, Bolivia



BOLIVIA MISSION REPORT

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19a

FIRST, ESTABLISHING ONE ANCESTOR OF FAITH

I grew up listening to my mother's early morning prayer. But I did not know Jesus personally. I lived like a prodigal son. I indulged in sin with a girl. I mercilessly cut the relationship. I deserved God's judgment upon me. In my head, I knew that Jesus had forgiven my sins. But in my heart, I had no assurance of forgiveness. But through Bible study in UBF, I discovered what God had done on the cross for my sins. Then I could have assurance of the forgiveness of sins.

In 1988, God established my house church with Msn Paulina Cho for the pioneering of Bolivia. In 1992, after three years of pioneering work, we prepared a two night and three day conference. However, the ten sheep who promised to come, including the messengers, never showed up. We were so saddened and hurt by our sheep's rejection. But my nine-month pregnant wife and I decided to proceed with the conference as scheduled.

At that time, one word of God from John 12:24 came into my heart, “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds”. Through this word of God, I was assured that if I imitated

the life of Jesus, the kernel of wheat, God would surely grant me many spiritual descendants like the stars in the sky. I repented my impatient heart, of wanting a successful ministry too quickly. I decided to learn Jesus' mind and heart as of first importance. Then, Brother Erick who had left the ministry because of his lustful desires came back on his own. He was born again through Genesis 12:1-3, “You will be a blessing”. He was a family-centered man like Abram. But he always repented before God's word at every crucial moment and became a remnant in God's history in Bolivia for the last 17 years.

SECOND, SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY

In Korea, I lived as a privileged child. So in Bolivia I did not know what to do as a self-supporting missionary. I was afraid of even having a baby. When I attended the MSU Conference of 1992,



Msn. Samuel Lee knew my situation. He said to me: “You should have basic faith to trust in God who provides for our food and clothing.” During this, I saw agony and pain written on his face. I cried because of my unbelief. Through this I learned how to trust in God for my basic needs.

When I returned to Bolivia, I began to sell children's clothes. I believed that God would make me very rich right away. But I was losing all the money I had brought from Korea. I was often despised in the marketplace. In my tiny store, I often sat with my head down because of my self consciousness. One day, a passer-by made fun of me. That event made me think about my children's future in Bolivia. And I became very fatalistic. I cried out to God, “Lord, I cannot do this any more”. Then suddenly the image of Jesus hanging on the cross, silently bearing our shame and disgrace, captured my heart. From that moment on, I began to fix my eyes on Jesus on the cross. I also enjoyed my suffering for the love of Jesus. I was so joyful to follow Jesus and sang hymns of praise, even being a poor peddler.

One day, someone stole all of my merchandise. At first, I could not understand why God allowed this unfortunate thing happen to me. But my wife and I kneeled

down before God and offered a thanksgiving prayer. At that time, we spent five days a week serving the ministry and only two days working for our business. Nevertheless, God blessed our business enough for us to buy a house near the campus, 5 years later.

Not only that, God blessed me to get my Ph D degree in Christian Family Psychology. Four years ago, I started my own Psychology Clinic in the hospital. Now many people of high society come to me for help. Through the self-supporting ministry, God molded us to be shepherds for the young intellectual Bolivians.

THIRD, GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

In 1998, after ten years pioneering, we had between 25-30 Sunday service attendants. I felt that the season of Christ had come to Bolivia. But almost half of them left the ministry because of lustful desires. But this became a turning point to change the focus of our ministry from serving the multitudes to raising disciples.



In 2002, we began to pioneer the medical school. In spite of one year's hard work, there was not even one sheep remained. But we did not give up; instead, we constantly visited the campus. Then God sent two students to the 2003 Summer Bible conference, four students to the one in 2004, and 9 students to the one in 2005. Among them, Pamela, Ruty and Jovana were raised as ancestors of faith. Through this medical school pioneering, we learned that we should live as campus shepherds even though we can not see immediate fruit.

We changed our strategy from fishing to 1:1 Bible study on the spot. On campus,

we would ask students, "Can I share one word of God with you?" and deliver a short message? At first, our sheep were afraid of going to campus with a Bible in their hands. But now, all the active members accepted the Great Commission: Go and Make disciples.

These days we have about 45-50 Sunday worship attendants and 60-70 1:1 Bible studies weekly. Last Christmas worship service, we had 124 attendants. I thank God so much for having used me as a shepherd for Bolivia. When I reflect on my 20 years of missionary life, I have the assurance that the work of God is the work of God's word. When the word of God, "Go and make disciples of all nations" was planted in their hearts over the last 20 years, God has done his work in Bolivia. I pray that Bolivia, the Galilee of America, may be a Priestly Nation and a Holy Nation for all nations.

One word: Go and make disciples of all nations.



TESTIMONY

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COUNT THE STARS IF YOU CAN!

“He took him outside and said, Look up at the heavens and count the stars if indeed you can count them” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be!” Genesis 15:5

PART1. I WAS A BRUISED REED AND A SMOLDERING WICK (MT 12:20)

A bruised reed is useless. It only hurts others. A smoldering wick has no light. Its smoke only bothers us. The situation of Korea was just like that when I was growing up there. Korea experienced 36 years of sorrowful colonial life. Then she was divided in two. 3 years of Korean War devastated the entire land and people. We also experienced military revolution and dictatorship. It was the winter of our discontent and frequent street demonstrations against the government ensued. We had no hope for Korea. Korea was one of the poorest third world countries among all nations. We were fatalistic and pessimistic.

I was one of them. To make matters worse, I lost both of my parents, who left 8 children behind. Still, I had hope, because I got into the top University in Korea. But it only frustrated me again, as it could not satisfy my soul. When all my earthly dreams were completely broken, God led me to UBF in 1966 during my sophomore year at SNU. Though Korea was hopeless, Dr. Lee and M. Barry began God’s work in their house church, a manger ministry. Once when I had no place to go, Dr. Lee invited me to his house for 6 months. M. Grace A. Lee fed me and washed my clothes. M. Barry’s inductive Bible studies and Dr. Lee’s Sunday messages were like a great light shining into my dark soul. All my sin was washed away by Jesus’ blood. I sang a song joyfully, “rolled away rolled away, rolled

away, every sin of my heart rolled away.” Several students went out to campuses in Seoul as students had done earlier in KwangJu. God used them as 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed all campuses of Korea in due time. Their absolute obedience to world mission enlightened our spirits. So we shouted always, “Bible Korea, World mission!” Our lives began to have meaning and we had sense of mission. Thus the 10 years of UBF life transformed me from a bruised reed like sinner into a glorious missionary. I saw how the Almighty God was changing a smoldering wick like Korea into a missionary sending country. Praise God!

2. GUATEMALA PIONEERING. (1976-1979)

In 1975 God sent me as a self support-



ing diplomatic missionary to Spain. I went alone since M. Maria had just given birth to Joseph, Jr. Then in 1976 I went to Guatemala. My first impression of Latin America was that it was “a bruised reed and a smoldering wick!” I saw many broken families and many single mothers. Then I understood why God sent me there alone. It was to share their agony. Surely Latin America was no better than Galilee of the gentiles where the people lived in darkness. I wondered “Can Jesus change Latin America as he changed Korea? What can I do as one person with these Latin people?”

In that situation, I thank God because he gave me first a broken shepherd heart toward Latin people. I loved Spanish language. I loved their hospitality, their say-



ing, “Mi casa es su casa.” (My house is your house) I even loved their “Manana” (Tomorrow) spirit. I said “Yes, Manana they have hope in Jesus.” People said, “No way Jose!” But I said, “In Jesus there is the way!” I loved their foods, tortilla and Posole, their songs: “Ay, Ya Ya Ya, Canta y no llore!” their culture, their bull fighting spirit and humble hearts.

But I did not know what to do as a new missionary. Then I remembered all that I had learned from my Bible teachers, and it was a great encouragement to me. Their absolute gospel spirit helped me to start the first worship service. I gave the message in front of several empty chairs, as my prayer for Guatemala. Then

I began to have a lunch time Group Bible study with an Embassy driver and a typist. Soon after, Sylvia, a college student, began Bible study and studied one to one for about 2 and half years. She brought her sister, friends and relatives. The SWS grew to around 12-15 persons. In 1978 some of us even came to the Niagara Falls Summer Conference. When I had to leave for Korea in 1979, Sylvia had grown enough in faith to establish the first Latin American house church. She came to Korea and Dr. John Jun blessed their wedding ceremony.

3. MEXICO PIONEERING (1982-1985)

For the next two years in Korea, God helped me to pioneer Chong Ro 3rd chapter. Then in 1982 God sent me alone to Mexico. This time everything was more familiar to me: The first Sunday in Mexico, I had worship service in front of 4 empty chairs. Writing my Spanish messages had become easier for me to write. I met a high school boy in front of my apartment. He studied one to one and came to SWS faithfully. It became around 10-12 people. Every Sunday I cooked Korean soy bean soup for their lunch. They all liked it and we ate together before 3 o'clock service. I continued to visit my one to one sheep after I finished Embassy work. Many times I returned home around midnight. There was no one but an empty room with no light welcomed me. Sometimes God comforted me with the full moon that looked like M. Maria in Korea.

Even so, God's work was unstable. However, there was a young woman dentist who was faithful. She became one of the remnants in God's work in Mexico. In 1985 God established the second Latin American house church between her and Gustavo just before I left for Mexico. They came to the USA after 20 years to co-work in NEIU.

As the time came near for me to leave,

I worried about the future of the Mexico ministry. When I left Guatemala, Sylvia's house church could not survive as missionaries because they were spiritually still very young. So I prayed. As an answer to my prayer, God sent M. Abraham, M. Sarah Hwang and M. Timothy's families one year before my departure in 1984. Still I wondered. “Can they survive? Will they fail again?” I was not so sure. Then God reminded me of Genesis 15:6. “Look up at the sky!” So I came out and tried to count the stars. But there was not a star was in the sky because the air pollution of Mexico City was so severe. The remainder of the promise lingered in my ears, “so shall be your offspring!” I thought, “Oh, no! It should not be!” I cried out because I could see only a dark future for Latin American ministry. Then God urged me to go out and look up at the sky again. So I did. Then what happened! This time God opened my spiritual eyes. He showed me the countless stars, beyond the pollution! Wow! God promised, “So shall your offspring be!” Amen!!!

In 2002, 20 years later, God sent me to attend a Mexico conference. I saw around 400 Mexican students in front me. What is this? I wondered. To me it was God's fulfillment of his promise. Wow! God was keeping his promise though I had completely forgotten about it! God was faithful! The 800 shining eyes were the twinkling stars in the sky!

Tonight we heard how Jesus has been healing Latin America, a bruised reed and a smoldering wick. God is changing Latin America into light shining countries! God began to send out around 20 missionaries by now. But surely God will send Latin American missionaries, as numerous as the stars in the sky, to all corners of the earth. Praise God who is making Latin America into missionary sending countries to all nations!

One word: “Latin America, missionary sending countries!”

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